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High pressure Pu EOS experiment

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Abstract

A new method for determining material properties at high pressure is presented. High pressures are obtained using an implosion geometry. The resulting densities are inferred from the transmission of an 800 MeV proton beam. Experiments on static objects show that sub 1% measurements are possible.

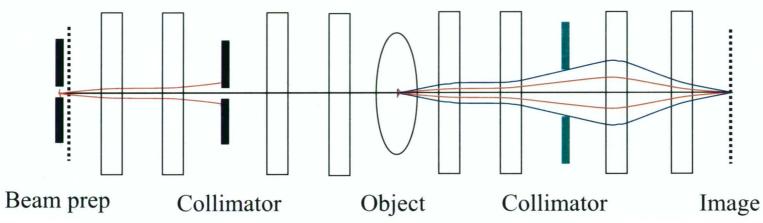
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High pressure Pu EOS experiment

- Use well controlled implosion to obtain relevant pressures
- Scale the experiment to remove criticality issues and to simplified security and AB concerns
- Use simplified geometry to reduce containment issues and overburden
- Measure transmission as a function of time with a pencil beam to infer the maximum compression

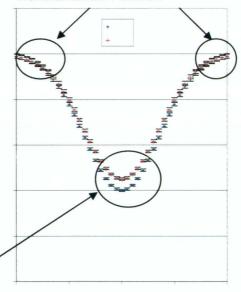
similar to RaLa experiments of the 40's-60's.

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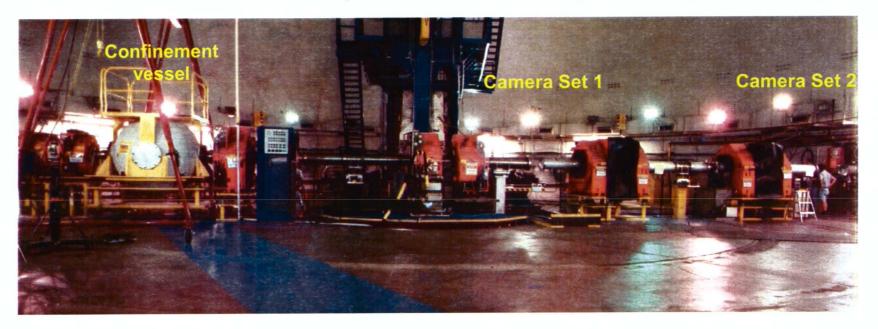


- Input collimator defines beam size and position
- Second collimator trims halo from beam
- Input detector measures incident flux
- Image detector measures transmitted flux.

Errors due to timing uncertainties are reduced by fitting the curves to find the maximum compression Early and late time data provide normalization check



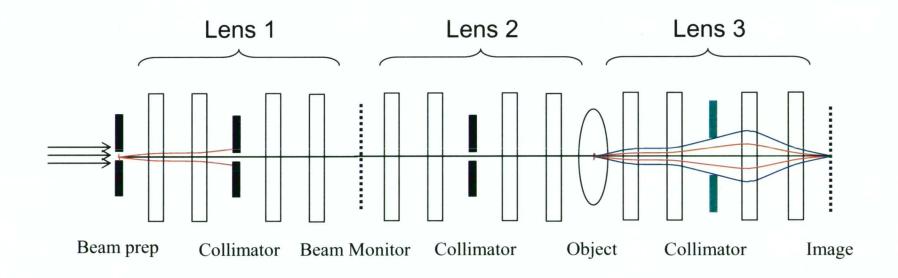
LANSCE 800 MeV proton radiography facility





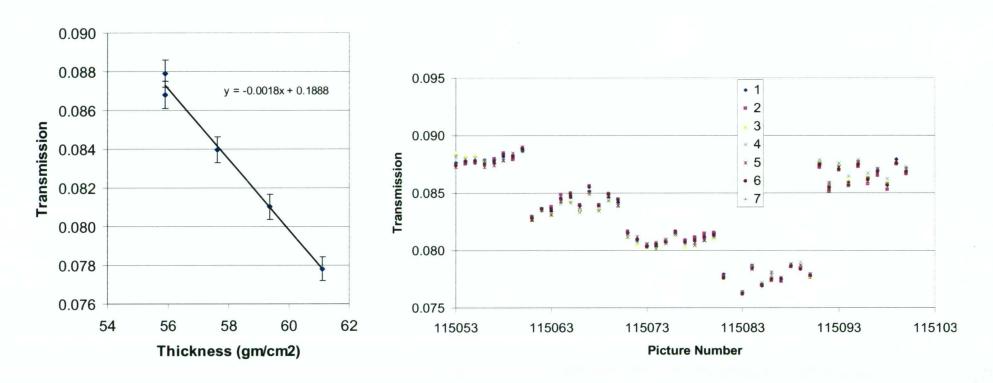
$$t = e^{-\frac{l}{\lambda_2}} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\theta_c^2}{X}}\right)$$

Merrill Modification



- •Lens 1 cleans up the beam transmitted by the collimator
- •Lens 2 transports the pencil beam to the object
- •Lens 3 images tthe transmitted beam

Initial data using diode gated CCD cameras

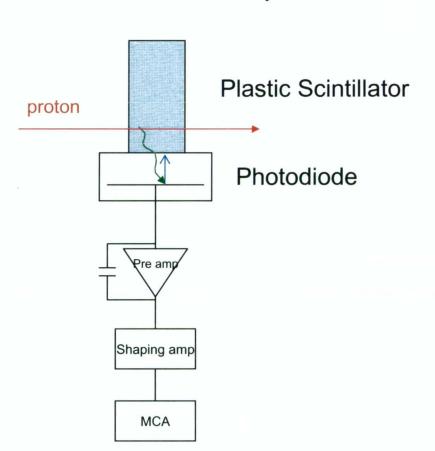


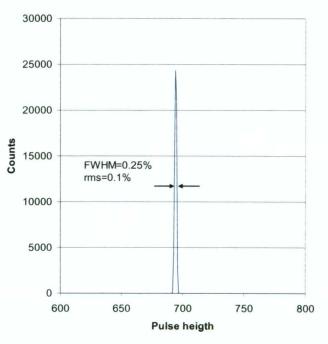
- Normalization Uncertainty: 0.8%
- CCD camera uncertainty: 0.2%

We can do a 0.2% experiment (7 times) by cloning the detector we have. We can do a 0.2% experiment at 100 times with electronic streak cameras.

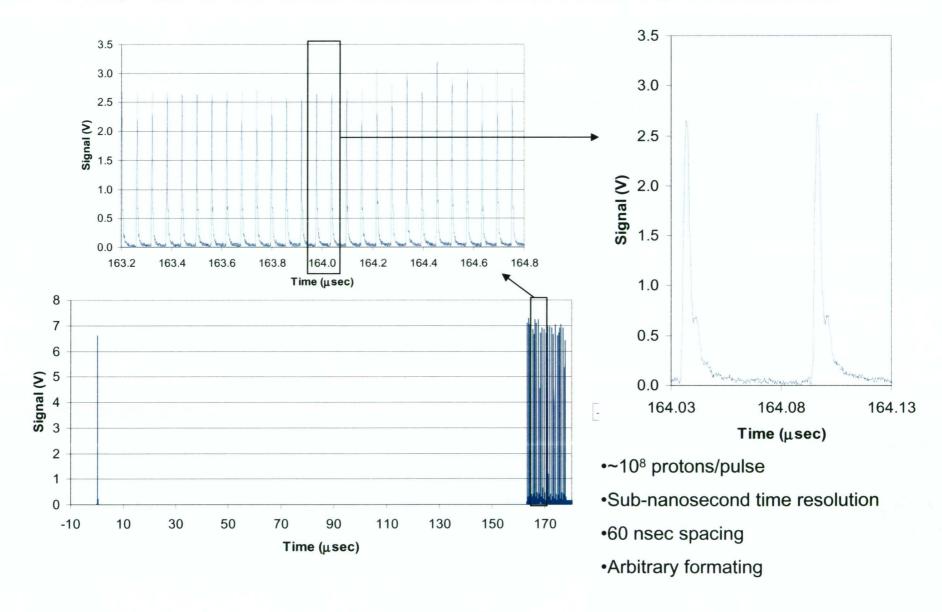
Detector

Need a detector with 0.1% precision and a dynamic range of 10 with nsec response.

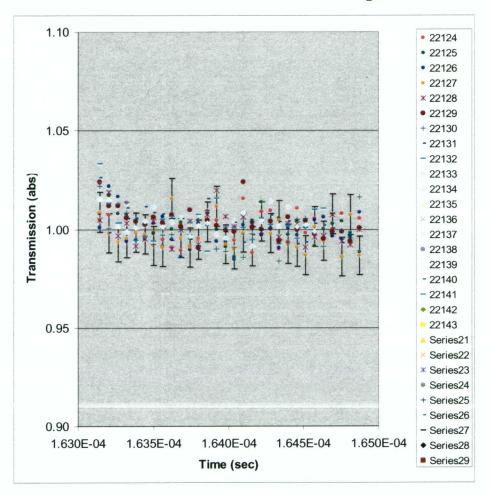


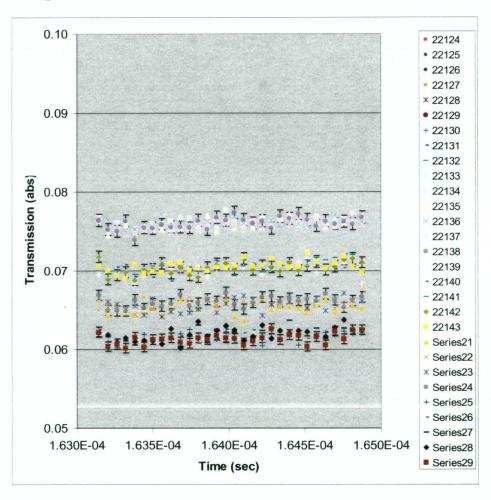


The LANSCE beam format is flexible

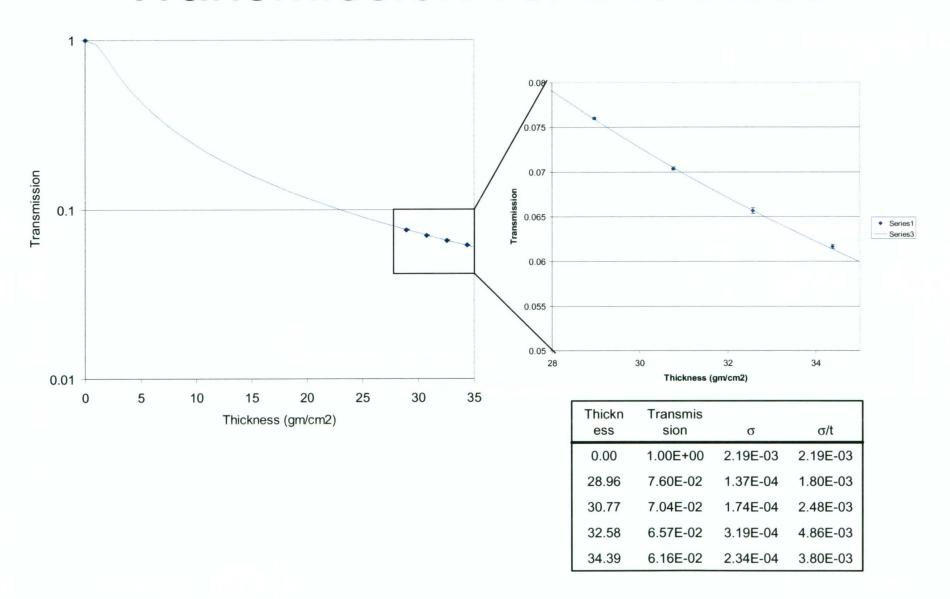


60 ns spaced pulse train





Transmission vs. thickness



Position Resolution

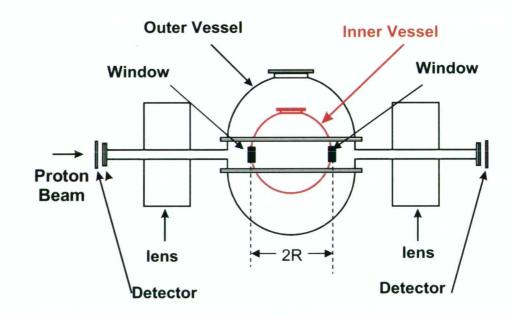
Multiple scattering in the window.

$$\Delta x_{window} = \theta R$$

$$where$$

where

$$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle W} pprox rac{14.1}{eta p} \sqrt{rac{L_{\scriptscriptstyle window}}{L_{\scriptscriptstyle Rad}}}$$



Thickness	Material	R	L_{rad}	T	p	θ	Δx
(cm)		(cm)	(cm)	(GeV)	(GeV/c)	(rad)	FWHM cm
1	Al	30	8.9	0.8	1463.147	0.002787	0.196889

Pedicini aging experiments

Program scope

- Static tests
- •2 surrogate experiments
- •4 Dynamic experiments with Pu

Safety considerations

- Use DYNEX vessel
 - Leverage existing work on Authorization Basis
- Seal Area C
 - •Triple containment for the experiments
 - Provides defense in depth
 - No public exposure
- •Locate assembly room in area C
 - •Provides double containment for all work.

Safety

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EIS, 3FTE, 1.5 yrs AB, 2-3 safety, 2-3 engineers, 1.5 years Waste, 1000/exp x 4	3000 2500 4000
Beamline Upgrades	
Detectors Beam design, test objects, collimators	600 300
Security/Storage	
MBA for storage Security for < 400g	150 200
Experiments	
Experiments, surrogate, 500 each x2 Experiments, hi fi, 1000 each x 4	1000 4000
Containment System	
Proof shots, overpressure tests Vessels, 6' already designed Seal dome Assembly room (ESA), fixture, crane, calculations Chamber 8 type vessel Installation of above vessel, new crane	750 2500 600 6000 3500 1250
TOTAL Contingency, 30%	30350 39455

Thresholds

Release*

- 8.4 gm
- 900

Criticality

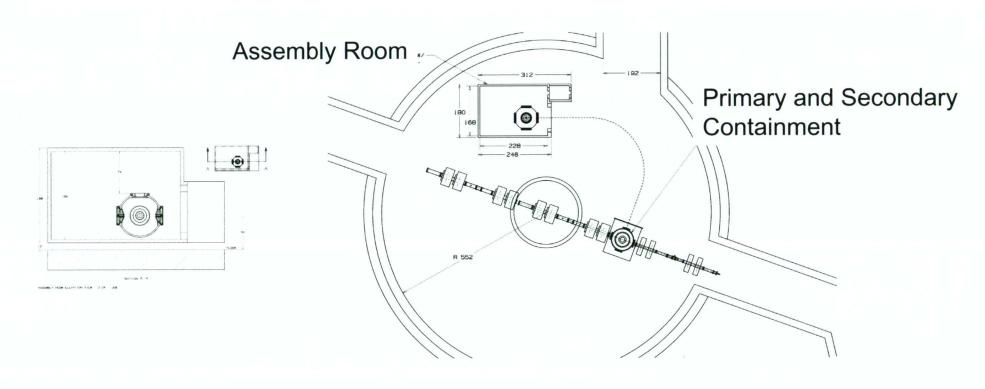
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Security

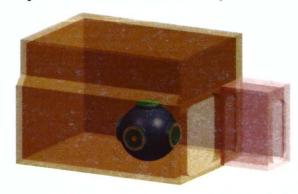
- 400
- 2000

^{*1.}e-3 assumed release fraction

Layout of line C facilities

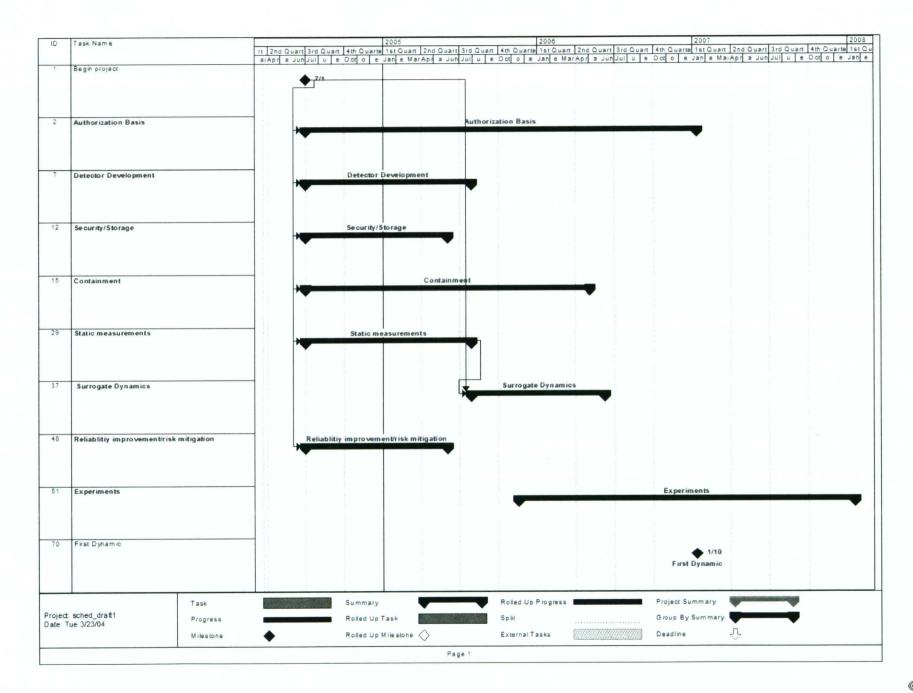


Primary Vessel in Assembly Room



Primary Vessel in Secondary Container





pRad aging experiment

- Have reached a precision of ~±0.3% in $\Delta \rho_A/\rho_A$
 - This takes credit for averaging
- Need better recording
 - Electronic streak camera
 - Hope to achieve <0.25%/point
- Technique is robust
 - Timing established by measuring minimum
 - Early and late time measurements provide normalization check
 - Alignment and stability are ensured by experimental setup